

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART**

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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The invention will be better understood on reading the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment given only as a nonlimiting example. In this description, reference is made to the appended drawings wherein:

- figure 1 illustrates schematically, in a top view, a current structure of a molding device addressed by the invention;

- figure 2 is a diagram showing the variation of the torque C with respect to the opening angle  $\alpha$  in the mold of figure 1;

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- figure 3 is a top view of a mold, arranged according to the invention, shown in the same position as that of figure 1;

- figure 4 is a side view in perspective of the mold of figure 3;

- figure 5 is a view in section of a portion of the mold of figures 3 and 5; and

- figure 6 is a graph illustrating the operation of the mold of figure 3.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**